Fraudulent claims for duty drawback

195. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of fraudulent claims for duty drawback and the amount involved is on the increase;

(b) whether duty drawback is claimed on account of fake/fictitious exports;

(c) in what manner Government propose to overcome such a menace; and

(d) the details of claimants of such fraudulent claims, which came to light of Government during the last 12 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Cases of fraudulent claims of duty drawback including some cases of duty drawback claimed on account of fake/fictitious exports have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) All the Field formations including intelligence and vigilance wings have been alerted and have been directed to maintain strict vigil on suspected exporters. Checks have been incorporated in the automated customs clearance system to detect such cases. Cross verification with the Export Manifest before grant of Drawback, etc. is also being done to prevent unscrupulous activities by any exporter, particularly non-existent companies.

(d) 138 cases of fraudulent drawback claims involving an amount of Rs. 71.185 crores have come to the notice of the Government during the last 12 months.

Income tax dues on film artists

†196. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding amount of income tax on the famous film artists of the country during the last fiscal year togetherwith their names thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.